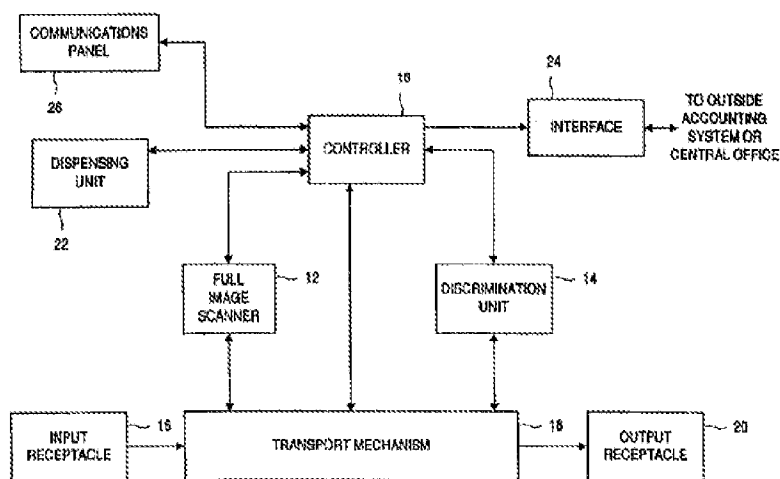


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(57) Abstract

A document processing system comprises an input receptacle (16) for receiving documents. A transport mechanism (18) receives the documents from the input receptacle (16) and transports the documents past a full image scanner (12) and a discrimination unit (14). An output receptacle (20) receives the documents from the transport mechanism (18) after being transported past the full image scanner (12) and the discrimination unit (14). The full image scanner (12) includes means for obtaining a full video image of said documents, means for obtaining an image of a selected area of said documents, and means for obtaining information contained in said selected area of said document. A system controller (10) directs the flows of documents over the transport mechanism (18).